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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



YOU WON'T STOP HULK FROM SMASHING DAM! NOTHING CAN!

MAYBE NOT, GREENSKIN-- BUT I'M STILL GONNA TRY EVEN IF IT KILLS ME!

WHICH IT PROBABLY WILL!



SPIDEY vs. THE HULK!

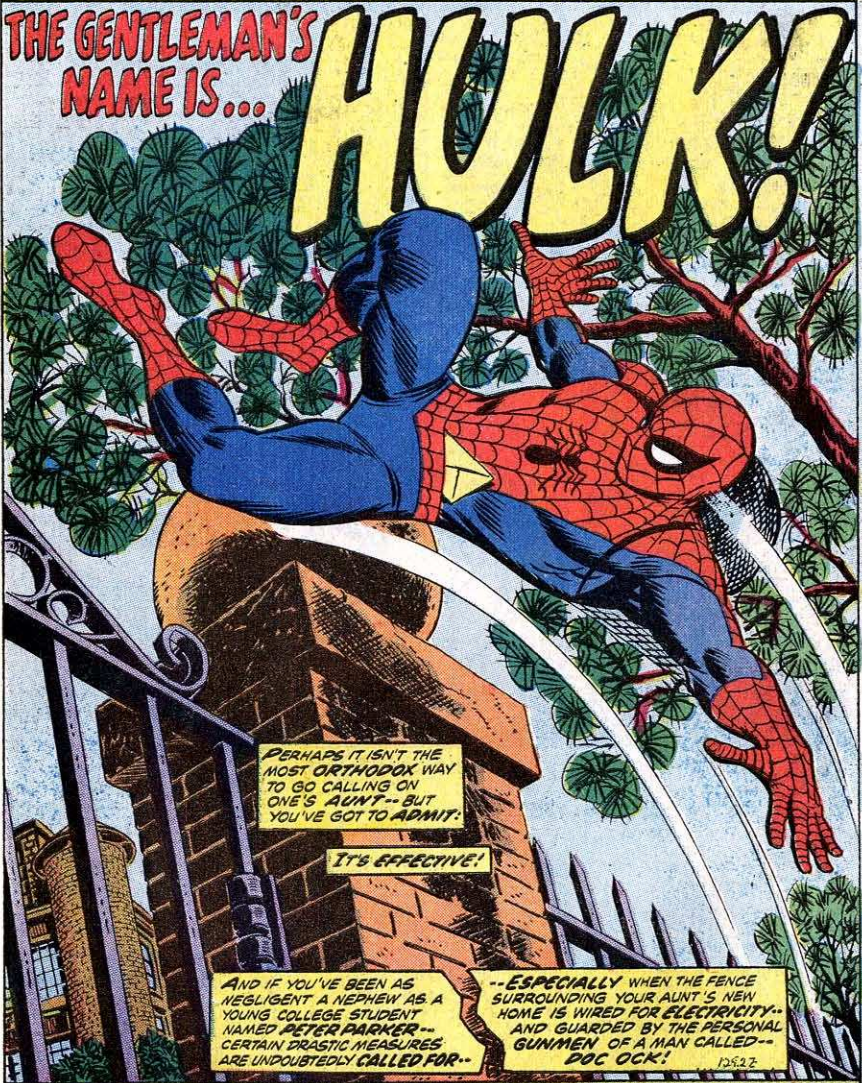
THIS IS THE BIG ONE!!

Stan Lee
PRESENTS: **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN™**

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**THE GENTLEMAN'S
NAME IS...**

HULK!



PERHAPS IT ISN'T THE
MOST ORTHODOX WAY
TO GO CALLING ON
ONE'S AUNT-- BUT
YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT:

IT'S EFFECTIVE!

AND IF YOU'VE BEEN AS
NEGLECTFUL A NEPHEW AS A
YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENT
NAMED **PETER PARKER**--
CERTAIN DRASTIC MEASURES
ARE UNDOUBTEDLY CALLED FOR--

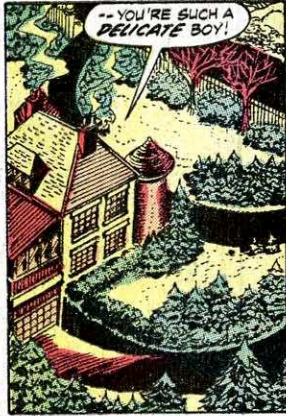
--ESPECIALLY WHEN THE FENCE
SURROUNDING YOUR AUNT'S NEW
HOME IS WIRED FOR **ELECTRICITY**--
AND GUARDED BY THE PERSONAL
GUNMEN OF A MAN CALLED--
DOC OCK!

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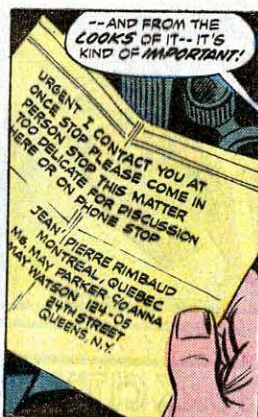
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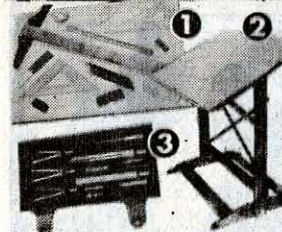
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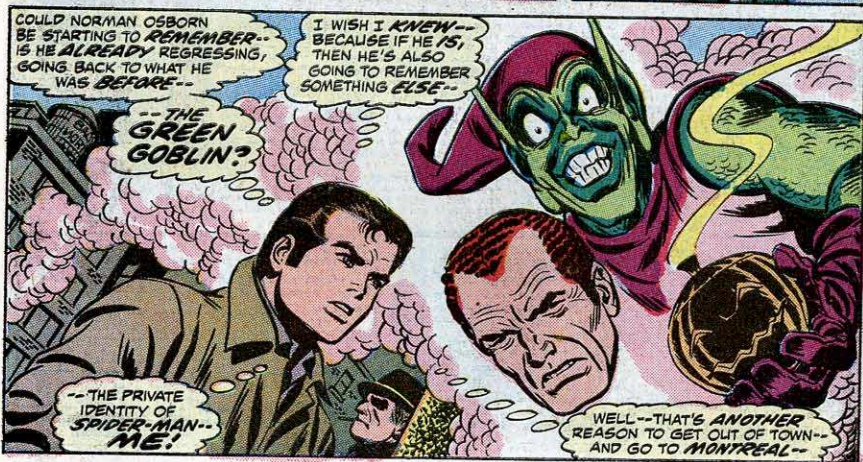
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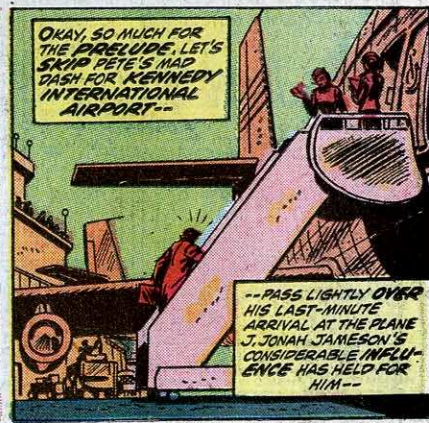
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BENIGHTED HERO A BRIEF
HOUR LATER --

-- AS HIS JET MAKES A
SOMEWHAT DELAYED LANDING
AT THE MONTREAL
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
SEVERAL MILES WEST OF
DOWNTOWN MONTREAL --

-- WHERE WE FIND MR. PARKER
SHORTLY AFTERWARD,
LOOKING FOR THE OFFICE OF
A CERTAIN ATTORNEY,
AND WONDERING --

AM I DOING THE
RIGHT THING?
SHOULD I DRY
INTO AUNT MAY'S
LIFE --?

ISN'T THAT
WHAT ALWAYS
BOtherED ME
ABOUT HER?

GUESS
I NEVER
REALLY
UNDER-
STOOD
HER BEFORE

ALL THESE YEARS, THIS
IS HOW SHE FELT ABOUT
ME. CONCERNED --
WORRIED --

-- YES, AND MAYBE
EVEN A LITTLE
AFRAID.

OUI,
MR. PARKER--
MSSR. RIMBAUD
DID SEND
THIS
TELEGRAM--

-- BUT I'M
AFRAID HE'S
BEEN CALLED
OUT OF TOWN
ON BUSINESS.

MISS DELON,
MY AUNT'S
-- AH --
PRETTY
SICK.

SHE SENT
ME TO
SPEAK
WITH YOUR
BOSS --

-- TO FIND OUT WHAT
CAUSED HIM TO SEND
THAT MESSAGE.
IT'S IMPORTANT.

AND UNLESS MY
JOURNALISTIC INSTINCTS
ARE DEAD WRONG --
SO'S WHAT'S
HAPPENING ACROSS
THE STREET!

VERY
WELL,
MSSR.
PARKER --
I WILL
SEARCH
OUR
FILES.

PERHAPS
IF YOU RETURN
LATER... FOR
DINNER?

I'LL SEE
YOU TONIGHT,
MISS DELON...
AND THANKS.

OUTSIDE, THE AIR IS A BITING 16° --
BUT THAT'S JUST ABOUT AVERAGE
FOR MONTREAL IN WINTER, AND IT
BOTHERS THE POPULACE NOT AT ALL --

-- AH -- BUT A CERTAIN
PETER PARKER,
HURRYING TO JOIN A
GROWING CROWD
OUTSIDE THE EAST-
SIDE HOTEL --!

HOTEL REGI

FREEZING
TO DEATH --

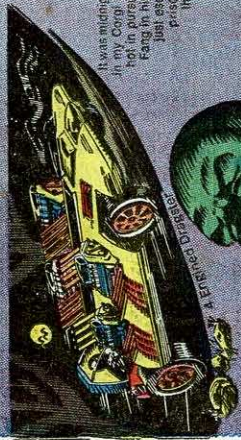
-- BUT I CAN'T LET
THAT SLOW ME
DOWN.

I NEED PICTURES
OF THE MUCK FOR
THE BUGLE -- AND IF
ANYONE KNOWS
WHERE THAT JOLLY
GREEN GIANT IS --

-- IT'S THE
MAN WHO
JUST STEPPED
INSIDE --



The Adventures of CORGI Boy



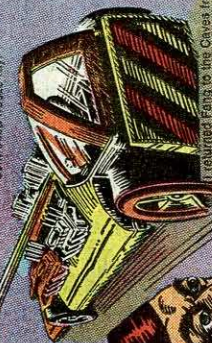
It was midnight. I was going about 210 mph in my Corgi when a 4 Engined Dragster, Dr. Fang, in his Ford GT 70, Fang, who had just escaped from the Gladiolus Caves prison where I had put him only three weeks ago, had committed another heinous crime.

A 4 Engined Dragster



But by the time I regained my composure and speed, Dr. Fang had had time to reach his hideout and change cars. This time he was in a Ford GT 70, Fang, who had just escaped from the Gladiolus Caves prison where I had put him only three weeks ago, had committed another heinous crime.

Porsche 917



It returned Fang to the Caves frozen stiff. With Fang safely contained again, I can turn my attention to combating his equally vicious comrades in crime. Only, it'll have to be later. I've got to go now.

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IT, MAN!

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ARE TO FOLLOW YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS TO
THE LETTER.

THE HULK
WON'T BE
SITTING ON HIS
THUMBS.

LET'S
MOVE!



MOMENTS LATER, IN THE
ARMORY A FEW BLOCKS
AWAY...

I'M SORRY, LAD--
BUT THERE'S
NOTHING I CAN
DO.

YOU'RE NOT ONE
OF THE REGULAR
AMERICAN CORRES-
PONDANTS--YOUR
NAME ISN'T ON THE
AUXILIARY LIST--

--YOU
JUST
CAN'T
COME
ALONG.

TERRIFIC.



SO NOW WHAT
DO I DO?

JAMESON'LL
HAVE MY SKULL IF
I DON'T GET HIM
THE SHOTS I
PROMISED.

AND FROM THE LOOKS
OF THINGS--THOSE SHOTS
WOULD'VE BEEN PRETTY
IMPRESSIVE--MAYBE, MR. PARKER
EVEN IMPRESSIVE
--IT'S TIME FOR
ENOUGH FOR A BONUS! DESPERATE ACTION--



--AND THAT
MEANS
MOVING--

NOW!

THE
YOUNG
FOOL!

HE'LL GET
HIMSELF
KILLED!



I'VE SEEN LADS EAGER
FOR A STORY--BUT,
SON, YOU WIN THE
PRIZE!

COME ON
ABOARD,
FRIEND!

IF YOU'RE THIS
MUCH OF A
TROOPER--
YOU DESERVE
A CHANCE!

THANKS,
FELLAS, I'LL
DO YOU A
FAVOR,
SOMEDAY.

JUST DON'T
FALL--IT'LL BE
FAVOR ENOUGH!

LIKE ANOTHER GREAT METROPOLIS NAMED MANHATTAN, MONTREAL IS ON AN ISLAND -- SO IT TAKES CROSSING A BRIDGE TO GET INTO THE COUNTRY--



-- AND BRIDGE-CROSSING TAKES TIME --

-- SO IT'S LITTLE MORE THAN AN HOUR LATER WHEN PETER PARKER GETS THE FIRST TREMBLING TINGLES -- OF DISASTER!

MY SPIDER-SENSES... GOING OFF LIKE AN ALARM...



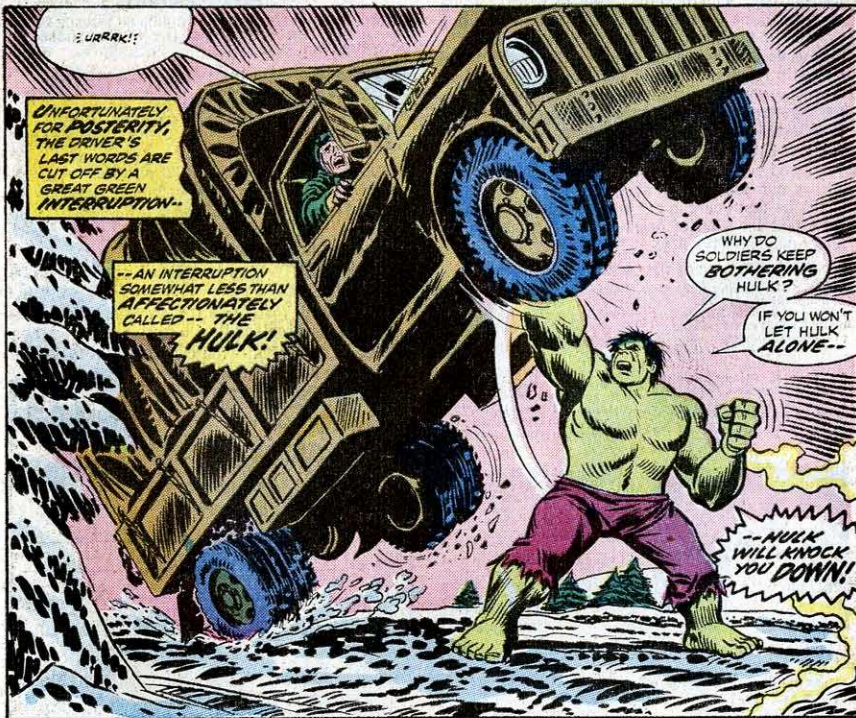
... WARNING ME... THERE'S DANGER AHEAD!



STOP THE TRUCK! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THE TRUCK-- BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

ARE YOU CRAZY?

SIT DOWN BEFORE I HAVE YOU--



URRRK!!

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-- AN INTERRUPTION SOMEWHAT LESS THAN AFFECTIONATELY CALLED -- THE HULK!

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IF YOU WON'T LET HULK ALONE--

-- HULK WILL KNOCK YOU DOWN!

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Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! The big news around mighty Marvel this month is — a wedding! Nope, Spidey and Gwen haven't taken the big step yet — and bashful Ben Grimm is still footloose and fancy free — but the Hulk's very own HERB TRIMPE and lovely LINDA FITE (scripter of THE CAT, what else?) finally decided it was time they tied the knot! As these deathless words are penned, they've just said their "I do's" and split for some top-secret location (the Hulk-Buster Base, perchance?) for a full-scale honeymoon; then it's back to Fun City and more of our delirium-inducing deadlines! Last we heard, Herb and Linda hadn't yet formulated any plans for ol' Greenskin to start going steady with the ever-clawing Cat — but from now on, don't take anything for granted, hear?

ITEM! Face it, friend — the whole wide world is going SPIDER-MAN happy! The other day, a wild new bi-weekly called *The Monster Times* devoted an entire issue to our web-spinning wonder, with a sizable (and well-deserved) spread on artist JOHNNY ROMITA! And now, who but the prestigious New Yorker maga-

zine has just featured a full-length piece on Spidey's sensational new scripter, GERRY (GERARD F.) CONWAY! Hmmm... *The Monster Times*... *The New Yorker*... Looks like there are no worlds left for the ol' wall-crawler to conquer, 'cept maybe the *Ladies' Home Journal*! But, who knows — maybe one of these fine days —!

ITEM! With a pair of brawny barbarians named CONAN and KULL currently the toast of comicdom, we figured it was time we bowed to countless requests to add yet a third sword-wielding hero to our legend-laden lineup! So, step aside for THONGOR, WARRIOR OF LOST LEMURIA — a stunning new series which debuts in the current issue of *CREATURES ON THE LOOSE*! Thongor is the cataclysmic creation of fantasy writer (and sometime Conan author) LIN CARTER, and is the star of some half dozen or more best-selling paperback books! Story and art are by GEORGE ALEC EFFINGER and VAL MAYERIK — and wait'll you dig how these two talented newcomers really move out! That's THONGOR — in *CREATURES* — now on the loose! End of plug!

ITEM! Apology time, people! A couple of months back, we announced we were planning a deluxe edition of miraculous *MARVEL ORIGINS* for release by Christmas '72! Well, our recent expansion to well over three dozen titles a month (or had you been counting?) has left us just too blamed breathless to get it all together in time for the Holidays — so we'll have to beg off for a little while, okay? Honest to Irving Forbush, though — it's only a slight delay, not a permanent setback — and we'll clue you in on the exact release date the minute we know it ourselves! In other words — watch this space! (Not that it's doing much of anything, but at least that'll keep you out of mischief till our awesome *ORIGINS* book goes on sale!)

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he took over as editor some time back, summer vacations are over and Roy's got a full contingent (two — count 'em — two!) of editorial assistants to help him out — so now maybe he and Smilin' STAN can finally find time to confer on all the cataclysmic changes and surprises they plan to unleash on you in the near and dear future! And when they do — watch out, wondrous one!

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Dear Stan, and the rest of the gang,

I liked the end of SPIDER-MAN #115... And, now that you finally ditched Aunt May (at least for the time being), I'd like to help you create some new problems for Pety—like what happened to Kraven? Most likely, you Marvelites have something up your sleeves.

Okay! Now, I have a really big question for you that's been bugging me for some time. As you know, Spidey's parents who appeared a long time ago (I don't know the ish number 'cause I lost the mag), worked for Shield as spies for Red Skull or something like that. The Parkers were supposed to be traitors or something along that line and Spidey found out otherwise. Right?

Now, if I remember correctly, when spies die, their relations get a weekly or monthly fund from the government. So what happened to Pety's little fund??? Well, I got the answer—they gave him a bundle of money he can't touch until he's 21.

Now, for the big gripe—Nick Fury lost 2 spies. Isn't he interested in their son? I mean he couldn't have hated the Parkers, could he? Sooo—why don't you have Nick's conscience bother him and have him take a look at Pety. You could put in your future plans a new way to further mess up Pety's life. I mean, think of it this way, Nick's a spy and Pety might have a problem hiding his other identity from Nick. Pete might even get mixed up in spy stuff, like it was in his blood. But, if you do think of making Pete a spy for an ish or two, remember he's not James Bond!

Oh well, till Aunt May grows a mustache and beard...

Make Mine Marvel
Cheryl De Boissiere

Gerry Conway sez: "Tell 'er we aren't planning any SPIDER-MAN ANNUALS in the immediate future. Let HER figure it out!"

And seriously, Gallop'n' Ger was really turned on by the previously unseen possibilities you presented... and as soon as the current sub-plot weavings become solid SPIDEY fabric... well, "Peter Parker, Agent of SHIELD" just may be in the winds...

John and Gerry,

Poor Aunt May... living with Doc Ock? Gracious, how the aged dear lady has changed since we've first seen her in AMAZING FANTASY #15 (although we should note that she's not aged unduly; how curious). Is it possible that the affections, first hinted at in ANNUAL #1, then brought to dim light in #53-54 have grown to a mutual "love"? Can a true SPIDER-MAN fan even conceive of Aunt May and Dr. Octavius as man and wife, or even living together?

I can't speak for a "true Spidey fan," but I, a true comics fan, and lover of the totally unexpected and unconventional, can.

Foresee the implications, the traumas, the twists. Could Doc Ock and Spidey exist in so close proximity without each becoming aware of the true status of the other? Could Spidey even consider raising his arm against his dear aunt's beloved? Could Doc Ock, discovering who his hated enemy is in truth, raise his arm against his beloved's nephew?

Imagine—the possibility of Spidey and Doc Ock fighting, side-by-side, against crime.

Good God! What could this do to the hero/villain situation?

Where the morality of comics has gone—I'll never know. Let's hope it stays there with such plays as these being presented to us.

Matthew Howarth

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Matt, something tells us you're tryin' to tell us you're clairvoyant. What do we mean? Just watch us, people—Spidey's on the move again!

Dear Stan and friends,

As I was poring over your latest SPIDER-MAN mag, it suddenly occurred to me that in Peter Parker's part of town, there exists a startling and amazing populational discrepancy—namely, that none of the regular characters have any brothers or sisters! And besides that, most of them have only one parent (or none at all). That's just plain wierd. I mean, how unreal can you get??? Now let me ask you—when this hip crowd isn't getting messed all up by super-villains and what-have-you, what do they do for aggravation?? It wouldn't be too much trouble, for instance, to mention that dear little Susie has smeared all of Mary Jane's makeup on the dog, and her poor sister had to go to class all un-lovely. After all, nearly any comic book can use a good murder story now and then.

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Delayne, in your own way you've hit on just the reason why we haven't delved into the families of our myriad of webbed characters: aren't their lives complicated enough at this point without getting into the various hassles. (and joys, natch) of their family relationships.

You'll note in our other mags (MAN-THING, FANTASTIC FOUR, WARLOCK) that the family trips are quite essential to the characters and the stories. If Spidey's book were like the others, it wouldn't be so unique, now would it?

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